

Amendments to the Abstract

Please **add** the following Abstract to this application.

-- A method for assigning an event to a device ~~(520)~~ on a network is described by using a topology editor as user-controlled interface. The event is represented as a labeled graphic indication ~~(515)~~. Other devices on a data network, also represented graphically, are to be assigned to the event by using the user-controlled interface ~~(525)~~. A rule is then defined and associated with the event ~~(530)~~. When a condition, as defined by the rule is met by an application or device on the network ~~(540)~~, all of the devices assigned to the event are notified of the condition met by the rule ~~(550)~~ in accordance with such graphically defined relationships. --